
Subject: Re: Online Help ideas

Posted by [Liam E. Gumley](#) on Fri, 10 May 2002 18:11:52 GMT

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Ben Tupper wrote:

>
> Howdy,
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> I have recently done some work in Labview from National Instruments
> (www.ni.com). It's really nice software - but the thing I was most
> impressed by was the online help. ****Very very**** nice. NI provides
> fantastic hyper-help as well as hosting seemingly endless
> tips/code/howto/user_contribution web pages.
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> It occurred to me that I really wish IDL had decent online help (well,
> duh!) I think this might be a great time to develop a wish list for
> RSI as it heads toward the next release of IDL. I think we all know
> how limited the present system is; so we don't need to drag up old
> stuff. Rather, I invite readers to offer suggestions for a
> constructive wish-list. If you email me your ideas (as well as
> posting them here) I will assemble them all and deliver to RSI. Email
> address is pemaquidriver@tidewater.net
>
> So here's the question:
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> What would you like to see for online help resources from RSI?
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> Here's mine... place links to related topics at the **top** of the
> hyperhelp page. Once I have read the description of the
> function/procedure I usually know if I need to keep looking. It
> would be handier to have the links available without having to scroll
> down the page.

Something like this (on the web or CD-ROM) would be very nice:

<http://www.mathworks.com/access/helpdesk/help/techdoc/matlab.shtml>

Cheers,

Liam.

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